



**Truck Maintenance Tips from
the Peterbilt Service Managers**

New heavy-built RSD brake components

Brake Clinic advises on RSD issues

Peterbilt of Lincoln sponsored a seminar on **Reduced Stopping Distance (RSD) Brakes**, which provided important information for customers and Peterbilt employees.

Customers and store employees attended the informational clinic presented by **Bendix Brakes** representative **Doug Sharp**. He discussed the new Reduced Stopping Distance regulations, requirements, impact and solutions.

Reduce stopping distance brakes are reducing traffic accidents, saving lives and reducing property damage, Sharp said.

Trucks built after August 2011 must meet the new 250-foot stopping distance, according to federal regulations. Manufacturers beefed up brake linings with thicker, improved materials to meet the new safety requirement.

The new OE friction material reduces fade and maintains torque during emergency stops, according to Bendix. Manufacturers now install warning labels on RSD brakes to advise technicians, however, fluid leaks and road debris can obliterate the warning stickers, Sharp advised.

Be sure to use the correct replacement parts when replacing shoes and pads on trucks with RSD brakes, to maintain the OE specs and continue to meet the stopping distance regulations and avoid CVSA infractions.

In addition to the new replacement RSD parts, Bendix also offers reman RSD brake kits, as a way for customers to save money, and they are available at Peterbilt Parts Stores.

